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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
 ☒ the description:

pages 1, 2, 5-33 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 3, 4, 4a received by this Authority on 24.08.2005 with letter of 18.07.2005
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the claims:

nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
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☒ the drawings:

sheets 1/3-3/3 as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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☐ the claims, nos. _____
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☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-38</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-38</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-38</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This report makes reference to the following document:

D1: DE 196 09 234 A1 (DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG 53113 BONN, DE) 11 September 1997 (1997-09-11)

1. NOVELTY

D1 is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. D1 discloses (the references in parentheses are to D1):

method of producing corpuscular radiation systems (tube systems) in which at least a first corpuscular radiation system is produced on a first substrate (D1: column 3, lines 64-66) by means of corpuscular radiation-induced deposition (D1: column 4, lines 19-28).

Thus the subject matter of claim 1 differs from the known method of producing corpuscular radiation systems in that

a) at least a second corpuscular radiation

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- system is produced on at least a second substrate from the at least one first corpuscular radiation system by means of computer-controlled, corpuscular radiation-induced deposition;
- b) and then at least one additional first corpuscular radiation system is produced on the first substrate from the at least one second corpuscular radiation system by means of computer-controlled, corpuscular radiation-induced deposition.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

2. INVENTIVE STEP

The aforementioned distinguishing features have the technical effect of reducing the production time for a large number of miniturized corpuscular radiation systems and that of ensuring effective utilization of the substrates.

The use of corpuscular radiation lithography for producing parts of the tube systems (corpuscular radiation systems) is known in the field (see D1: abstract). In this process, corpuscular radiation structures are duplicated on a plurality of substrates.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application is successive reproduction of

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corpuscular radiation systems on two different substrates. In this process, a first generation of corpuscular radiation systems, which were produced on a first substrate by means of computer-controlled deposition, is used for the production of a second generation of corpuscular radiation systems on a second substrate.

The second generation of corpuscular radiation systems on the second substrate is then used to produce an additional generation of corpuscular radiation systems on the first substrate. This solution leads to a reduction in production time because a plurality of corpuscular radiation systems can be produced simultaneously. Furthermore, this solution also makes it possible for the substrates to be better utilised because a number of generations of corpuscular radiation systems are produced on the same substrate.

None of the available prior art documents discloses or suggests successive reproduction of corpuscular radiation systems on two different substrates. A person skilled in the art attempting to solve the aforementioned problem would not be able to find anything in the prior art that might prompt this person to modify the method of producing tube systems in D1 in such a way as to arrive at the subject matter of claim 1, without thereby being inventive.

The subject matter of claim 1 therefore involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

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The same argument with regard to novelty and inventive step applies *mutatis mutandis* to the subject matter of independent claim 19, which is therefore also novel and inventive.

4. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Claims 2 to 18 are dependent on claim 1 and claims 20 to 38 are dependent on claim 19, and these claims therefore also meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.